

CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY, INC.

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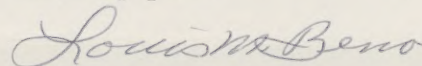
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Your deposit of \$ 18.50 has been received for 1 sets. The balance due is \$. We deem it an honor and pleasure, that we personally reserve in your name, membership No. 0384. In thanking you, may we welcome you to our society.

Sincerely yours,



Louis M. Beno,
Secretary

Now...For Limited Time...An Unusual Opportunity To Become A Charter Member In The First Commemorative Medal Society Honoring The Rich Heritage Of Catholicism

Whether or not you have ever given serious consideration to collecting commemorative medals previously, we believe you will want to examine this opportunity thoroughly. It is unique.

The idea of commemorative societies is not new. Several are now in existence. However, this one is different. It offers you the fascinating experience of collecting proof-quality sterling silver medals in a way that's bound to prove especially rewarding.

To begin with, the Catholic Commemorative Medal Society has been formed as the first of its type with a very definitive purpose: to commemorate the inspiring events and personages responsible for shaping the Catholic world. The medals produced will, therefore, arouse widespread interest and become increasingly treasured among Catholics, as Catholics, as well as among numismatists generally.

HOW THE NEW SOCIETY ORIGINATED:

A small group of numismatists gathered to discuss the fact that although several commemorative medal societies had been formed in recent years, no society had yet been formed for the primary purpose of honoring the events and people responsible for the shaping of our Catholic heritage. Out of their discussions, The Catholic Commemorative Medal Society was born.

HOW THE SOCIETY PLANS TO OPERATE:

1. A proof-quality sterling silver medal commemorating an event, or a person of noteworthy greatness in the history of Catholicism, will be issued once every two months.
2. The subjects commemorated will be selected by a mail-ballot vote of the membership. After each subject is selected, a name sculptor will be commissioned to design and sculpt the commemorative medal.
3. Each of the Society's issues will be minted *only* in sterling silver, 1½" in diameter, with a minimum weight

of 400 grains and a full proof finish. They will be produced at the world famous Franklin Mint.

4. Only one specimen of each issue will be struck for each member of the Society. Each will be inscribed on its edge with the charter membership number of the member for whom it is struck.
5. The total issue of each of the Society's commemorative medals will be strictly limited to the exact number of members plus six. The six additional specimens will be reserved for presentation to persons and institutions associated with the subject commemorated and for exhibit purposes by the Society.

No other specimens will be issued and none will be offered for public sale. After each member has received a serially-numbered proof of the current commemorative, the dies will be destroyed and a notarized statement filed to that effect.

6. A newsletter will be published bi-monthly to give members an effective forum for ideas and opinions. It will contain expository reviews of the subjects commemorated as well as photographs and biographical sketches of the sculptors.

7. Charter membership in the Society will be available only to applicants who fill in and mail the attached form, with the entrance fee of \$18.50 (plus 21¢ sales tax if a resident of Ohio) before April 1, 1967. The first medal, which honors St. Peter, has been sculptured by Gilroy Roberts, the world famous sculptor who designed the Kennedy half dollar. It will be issued in April.

HOW YOU CAN BENEFIT AS A CHARTER MEMBER

1. A Charter Member of this Society will receive: (a) a deluxe 6-cavity collector's chest (to hold the first six medals issued) (b) a personal name plate for the case (c) a distinctive certificate of ownership (d) a handsome membership card and (e) the initial medal commemorating St. Peter, encased in a deluxe plastic holder which fits perfectly in the collector's chest.

2. As a continuing member in good standing, you will have the exclusive right to purchase, at the original issue price of \$6.90 (plus 21¢ sales tax if a resident of Ohio) the one sterling silver proof of each of the Society's issues that will be struck with your membership number inscribed on its edge.

3. As long as you exercise this option once every two months, within the

time prescribed by the Society's Board of Directors, your membership will continue in good standing. Memberships in good standing may be bought and sold and will be freely transferable. No member is obligated to retain his or her membership. You may sell it any time you wish.

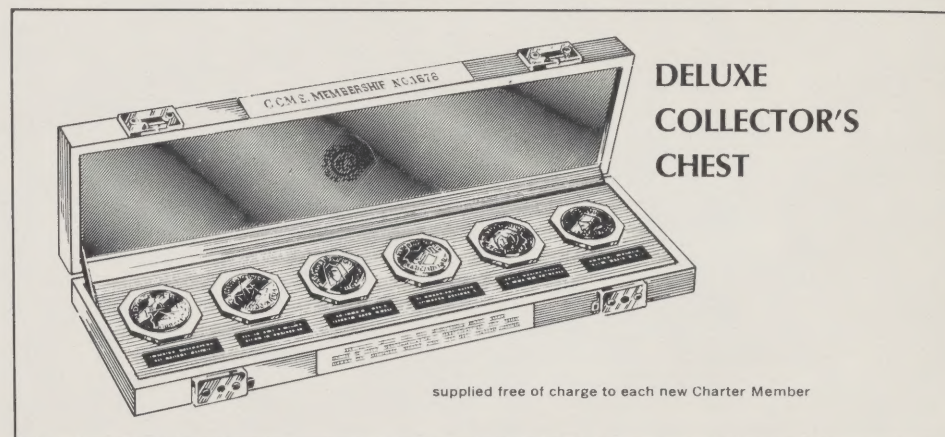
4. After the Charter Membership rolls are closed, anyone who wishes to obtain a complete set of the Society's medals will have to make the purchase from a member who is willing to sell his collection, with or without his membership rights, at whatever price the market dictates.

If you wish to take advantage of this unusual opportunity, please act soon. The Charter Membership rolls will be formally and *permanently* closed as of April 1, 1967.



The First Commemorative Medal
of
The Catholic Commemorative
Medal Society
To be issued in
APRIL 1967

The first issue honors St. Peter. One side shows St. Peter receiving the keys from Heaven. The other side depicts St. Peter's Basilica. This medal was sculptured by Gilroy Roberts, former Chief Engraver of the U. S. Mint and sculptor of the Kennedy portrait on the U. S. half dollar.



supplied free of charge to each new Charter Member

A message from a Vice President of the Society



THEODORE A. PARENT



THEODORE A. PARENT started collecting coins and medals about the same time he started grammar school. Concurrently, he began to develop his artistic talents. At the age of 11, he had had his first personal exhibition. With the passing years, he became quite actively involved with the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of American Numismatic Association and Tokens and Medals Society. The formation of the new Catholic Commemorative Medal Society has given him an opportunity to merge his prime interests in a single endeavor.

"By utilizing the unique minting facilities of the Franklin Mint, by limiting the number of pieces issued to one per member and by striking only solid sterling silver proofs—the Society is following the proven success of other commemorative medal societies whose issues have steadily increased in value.

"In addition, because of its purpose and plan of operation, this newly-formed Society will be able to originate and produce commemorative medals that are destined to become true masterpieces of religious art—inspiring as well as valuable.

"Therefore, without hesitation, I recommend this Society to you and extend my personal invitation to join as a Charter Member. I sincerely believe that you will find it a most engaging and rewarding experience."

Theodore A. Parent

Other officers: George Barry, President (4th Degree Knight); James W. Ament, Vice President; Louis Beno, Secretary and Treasurer.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

2000 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Please enroll me as a Charter Member in The Catholic Commemorative Medal Society. My remittance of \$18.50 (plus 21¢ sales tax if a resident of Ohio) is enclosed to cover my Charter Membership fee (\$11.60) and my proof-quality sterling silver specimen of the Society's first commemorative medal (\$6.90). If my application is not accepted for any reason, I shall expect to receive notification within 30 days.

Contingent upon my acceptance as a Charter Member, I agree to abide by the Society's by-laws which are established and amended solely by its Directors. However, it is expressly understood that the following rules cannot be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the membership at large: (1) The Society will issue a new commemorative medal once every two months. (2) Each member in good standing will have an equal voice in the selection of subjects to be commemorated. (3) Each member in good standing shall have the right to purchase one proof-quality specimen of each issue at the original issue price of \$6.90 (plus 21¢ if a resident of Ohio) subject to a proportionate adjustment if and when the price of silver increases more than 5%. (4) Membership in good standing in the Society may be maintained for the life of the Society by simply exercising each bi-monthly purchase option within the time period prescribed by the Society's Board of Directors. (5) Each membership in good standing is freely transferable on the books of the Society. (6) Any member can cancel or drop his membership at any time, thus automatically releasing both parties from any further obligation to each other.

It is further understood that, if my application is accepted, I shall receive, at no additional charge, a deluxe collector's chest, certificate of ownership and a Charter Membership card.

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February, 1974



Dear Member:



You can indeed be proud of our Society who along with other members like yourself have made it possible. Just since 1967, in a relative short time, the Society's reputation has spread around the world. More Society medals grace the walls of the multimillion dollar Franklin Mint Museum than any other outside sponsor of the Mint. The Church is also proud of our medals and has given us special recognition when recently Pope Paul sent us his papal blessings in an open official Vatican letter. Our medals can even be found in the collections of Cardinal Cooke, famous writer Jim Bishop and the Kennedy Family.



In the market place, one rarely sees a complete CCMS set of medals for sale. The range according to our transfer records usually is in the \$500.00 to \$900.00 area. The fact that they will sell for two or three hundred percent over original cost demonstrates their artistic and inspirational worth. CCMS medals have lived up to their investment qualities and as an excellent hedge against inflation.



As you know, the Society is a self-sustaining lay organization. It has operated like any other nonprofit organization. Not being a profit motivated entity, it owns no investments, securities or property. The Society simply maintains sufficient equity for wages, rent and the usual costs of business and materials so that it can continue to follow the dictates of the membership as a whole.



Members of the Society have shared together a kind of ministry - that of glorifying God through the medallic arts. At this point our ministry for the first time in seven years finds itself in an embarrassing situation. In our stubborn determination to not raise prices in the face of skyrocketing inflation, we are not able to meet our immediate obligations. The cost of silver has progressively risen from the \$2.00 range per medal at the beginning of our Mary Series to the current \$8.00 per ounce range. We found that no amount of cost cutting and wage deferments could offset this inflationary spiral. When the silver market spot price exceeds our retail price, you can understand this dilemma. If we had raised our prices at the beginning of this series by \$2.00 per medal, then we would not have strained our limited budget. Our new invoices for the next series will be adjusted to an increase of \$2.00 per medal plus a silver surcharge (if necessary), so this unfortunate situation will never happen again.



We are not able to ship you your last medal in the Mary Series since the Mint will not release our order until we pay our past due obligations. The Society Directors have determined that if everyone contributes a back-charge of two dollars per medal for the last ten issues, we will be out of the red and be able to ship this last medal to complete your set. We have enclosed a special invoice for your contribution.



May God Bless you for your help,

The CCMS Board of Directors



Enclosures





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April, 1975



Dear Member:



In a meeting with Franklin Mint officials last month our attorney was told that our continuing 1967 CCMS Contract would no longer be honored! They cared not that we had only one more series to do before terminating the Society. It did not matter that we were one of their two oldest outside private sponsors of FM-minted medals. This is the thanks 1898 members get for eight years of loyal patronage!



A large number of members have written and called expressing their desire for the CCMS to continue with another mint. In the past several weeks, the Directors of the CCMS traveled to several private mints and have found one firm that can produce a medal comparable to the Franklin Mint and in some ways far superior. Negotiations are well underway at the present time and when the final contracts are signed, we will issue a formal announcement.



The new mint has such a busy schedule with so many bicentennial orders that we could not expect our first issue to be struck for the new series until mid-summer. This being a poor time to launch a new series, we have decided to set a target date of September 15, 1975, as the date for mailing the first issue which will commemorate America's first Christian martyr.



Our American Catholic Heritage begins over 400 years ago and will tell an inspiring medallic story of brave missionaries and explorers who were first to carry the Cross into the vast unknown continent of North America. In their footsteps followed the pioneers and founders of the Church, many of whom became cornerstones of American history. Our series will commemorate the first martyrs, the first American saints, and our famous bishops and cardinals who contributed much to the building of a new nation. Yes, more than 200 years before the American Revolution, Catholic missionaries were already exploring the far reaches of the great American continent; blazing trails, founding missions, converting countless Indians to Christianity and teaching them modern ways of civilization.



Between now and this fall, the Directors of the CCMS will be offering members various medals from our inventory to help defray operating expenses. These medals are mostly individual medals from broken sets and reserve medals from our two special CCMS Issues. Enclosed is an order form for the first of several coming promotions. We urge every member to purchase something as a way of supporting the Society which has had no regular income for the past year. Continuing administrative functions still require funds for rent, utilities and wages. Therefore, your continuing faith and patronage will be appreciated.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Theodore A. Parent
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Secretary-Treasurer

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The purpose of this Society is to commemorate inspiring events and personages responsible for helping to shape the Catholic world.

It follows essentially the same rules as The National Commemorative Society,

except that its medals are issued bi-monthly rather than monthly,

and proofs are struck only in sterling silver. It has a total membership of 1,898.

Address of The Catholic Commemorative Medal Society is 2521 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509.

All specimens are consecutively numbered on the edge.

CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

Saint Peter Medal

The first six medals of the CCMS honor the Ecumenical Popes. Saint Peter was one of the original twelve Apostles and the head of the early Church.

Net Mintage (Final)

CCS-1/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



CCS-1



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Saint Sylvester I Medal

Saint Sylvester I reigned as Pope from 314 to 335 and during his reign the First Ecumenical Council was convened. At this Council the Nicene Creed, the basis of Catholic belief, was drawn up.

Net Mintage (Final)

CCS-2/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



CCS-2



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Saint Damasus I Medal

Saint Damasus I, Pope from 366 to 384, insisted upon the primacy of Rome in ecclesiastical matters during a period of divergent doctrines.

Net Mintage (Final)

CCS-3/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



CCS-3





CCS-4

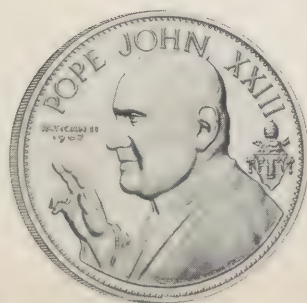


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Saint Leo I Medal

Saint Leo I was Pope during 440-461, a trying period for the Church. Within he had to deal with heresies that threatened its foundations; without he had to persuade the Barbarians not to sack Rome.

Net Mintage (Final)

CCS-4/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



CCS-5



CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY
Pope John XXIII Medal

Pope John XXIII was already 77 when he was chosen to succeed Pope Pius XII in 1958. But in the short five years until his death at 82, through his actions and encyclicals, he changed the world's image of the Catholic Church. He called an Ecumenical Council to invite other churches to unite with the Church of Rome.

Net Mintage (Final)

CCS-5/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



CCS-6



CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY
Pope Paul VI Medal

To advance peace and the ecumenical movement, Pope Paul VI was the first Pope to travel outside Italy since 1809. In 1964 he visited the Holy Land and India. During 1965 he spoke before the United Nations in New York. He met the Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church in 1967 and the Soviet President in 1968.

Net Mintage (Final)

CCS-6/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898

Life of Christ Series

The Life of Christ is the theme of the second group
of medals issued by the Catholic Commemorative Medal Society.
Both sides of each medal illustrate events in the life of Christ.

All specimens are consecutively numbered on the edge.

CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY – LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

The Nativity

The Nativity is shown on the obverse of this medal; on the reverse
the Three Wise Men come bearing gifts.

Net Mintage (Final)

LCS-1/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



LCS-1

CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY– LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

Christ in the Temple

Christ in the Temple. The reverse depicts the Holy Family.

Net Mintage (Final)

LCS-2/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



LCS-2

CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY – LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

The Baptism

The Baptism. The First Miracle.

Net Mintage (Final)

LCS-3/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



LCS-3



LCS-4



**CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY –
LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES**
The Divine Healer

The Divine Healer. The Good Shepherd.

Net Mintage (Final)

LCS-4/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



LCS-5



**CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY –
LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES**
The Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount. The Lord's Prayer.

Net Mintage (Final)

LCS-5/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 1898



SPI-89



**CARDINAL SPELLMAN
Memorial Medal**

This memorial medal to Cardinal Spellman was issued by the Catholic Commemorative Medal Society.

Net Mintage

SPI-89/D39/P Solid Sterling Silver, 39mm, Proof. 2021

SPI-89/K39/PL Solid Nickel Silver, 39mm, Proof-like 2081

MEMBERSHIP NO.

0384



CERTIFICATE NO.

0384

THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This is to certify that **Melvin Roland**

has been registered

as the owner of the first option to purchase, at the original issue price, each of the series of commemorative medal proofs scheduled to be struck in Sterling Silver by The Catholic Commemorative Medal Society, at the rate of one every two months, with the above-stated Membership Number inscribed thereon. This option shall continue in force so long as it is exercised for each issue within the time period established by the Board of Directors. It is transferable only on the books of the Organization, upon the surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed; or, in the event of loss or forfeiture, by the cancellation of this Certificate and the issuance of a new Certificate in substitution thereof. Witness the signatures of the duly authorized officers and the Seal of the Organization hereunto affixed. Dated: April 1, 1967.

George J. Barry
PRESIDENT

Theodore A. Parent
VICE-PRESIDENT



James W. Ament
CHAIRMAN

Louis M. Beno
SECRETARY-TREASURER

NOTICE. THE SIGNATURE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT
MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE
FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE, IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT
ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT, OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

*For Value Received, _____ hereby sell, assign and transfer
unto _____
whose address is _____*

*the option represented by the within Certificate, and do hereby
authorize the Corporation to effect a transfer of the said
Option on its books of record. Dated _____ 19____*

SIGNATURE

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